

## SUMMARY - 2010 LOCATION ADVANTAGES - ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI

- Central U.S. -the demographic bull's eye of the world's richest market
- Located on I-70, 10 minutes from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport
- St. Charles, city of 61,078 situated in growth area of the St.Louis region of 2.7 million St. Charles County has increased population by 33.3% 1990 to 2000 2009 County Population: 353,076, a 2% / year increase since 2000 New Town At St. Charles: New urbanism community; 5,700 housing units, \$130,000 to \$1 Million; a 10-year \$1.5 Billion build-out County Poverty Level: 5.0%, the 40th lowest percentage of population in US A growing workforce of over 189,968 in St. Charles County; 1.42 million in the St. Louis MSA
- More than 1,000,000 workers, 18-55, are within 30 mile radius of St. Charles
- Employee training via Missouri Customized Training Program Best in the US
- More than 13,000 graduates annually from area colleges and universities
- Home of Lindenwood University and Lewis and Clark Career Center and nearby Sanford Brown College and St. Charles Community College

Lindenwood University's 133,000 SF J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, a \$35 M project opened Fall 2008

Foundry Art Centre, a 36,200 SF center with galleries and 20 artists studios and international exhibits

**AAA Schools and first class private schools**; average student-teacher ratio-18:1; Home of Sacred Heart Academy

- Four interstate highways are within minutes: I-70, I-64, I-44 and I-55
- 120 million of US population is within one day's truck drive

St. Charles Convention Center, 154,000 SF, \$35 M, opened April 2005 and Embassy Suites Hotel, 296-Suites, \$40 M, opened in July 2005
A strong tourism industry: 1,500,000 visitors annually to historic Main Street Ameristar Casino Resort Spa attracts 10.5 Million visitors annually;
# 1 attraction in the St. Louis region, \$980 Million Investment

- St. Charles County Family Arena, an 11,000 seat facility for sports, trade shows
- St. Charles is 100% DSL accessible; service provided by SBC/AT&T
- SSM St. Joseph Health Center, receiver of Malcolm Baldridge Quality Award
- Excellent police and firefighting services; average response time is 4 minutes
- City coordinates local and state incentives and customized training programs
- Streamlined development and permit process to meet the needs of business
- A strong City program of business retention and expansion

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